

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Substitute Fig. 9 with the attached replacement Fig. 9.

REMARKS

Claims 1-16, as amended, remain herein.

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging that all claims 1-16 are allowed.

1. Fig. 9 was objected to for not being labeled as prior art. Replacement Fig. 9 is attached, mooting the objection.

2. The abstract was objected to for an informality. The abstract has been amended, mooting the objection.

3. Claim 14 was objected to for an informality. Claim 14 has been amended, mooting the objection.

For the foregoing reasons, all claims 1-16 are now fully in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293. If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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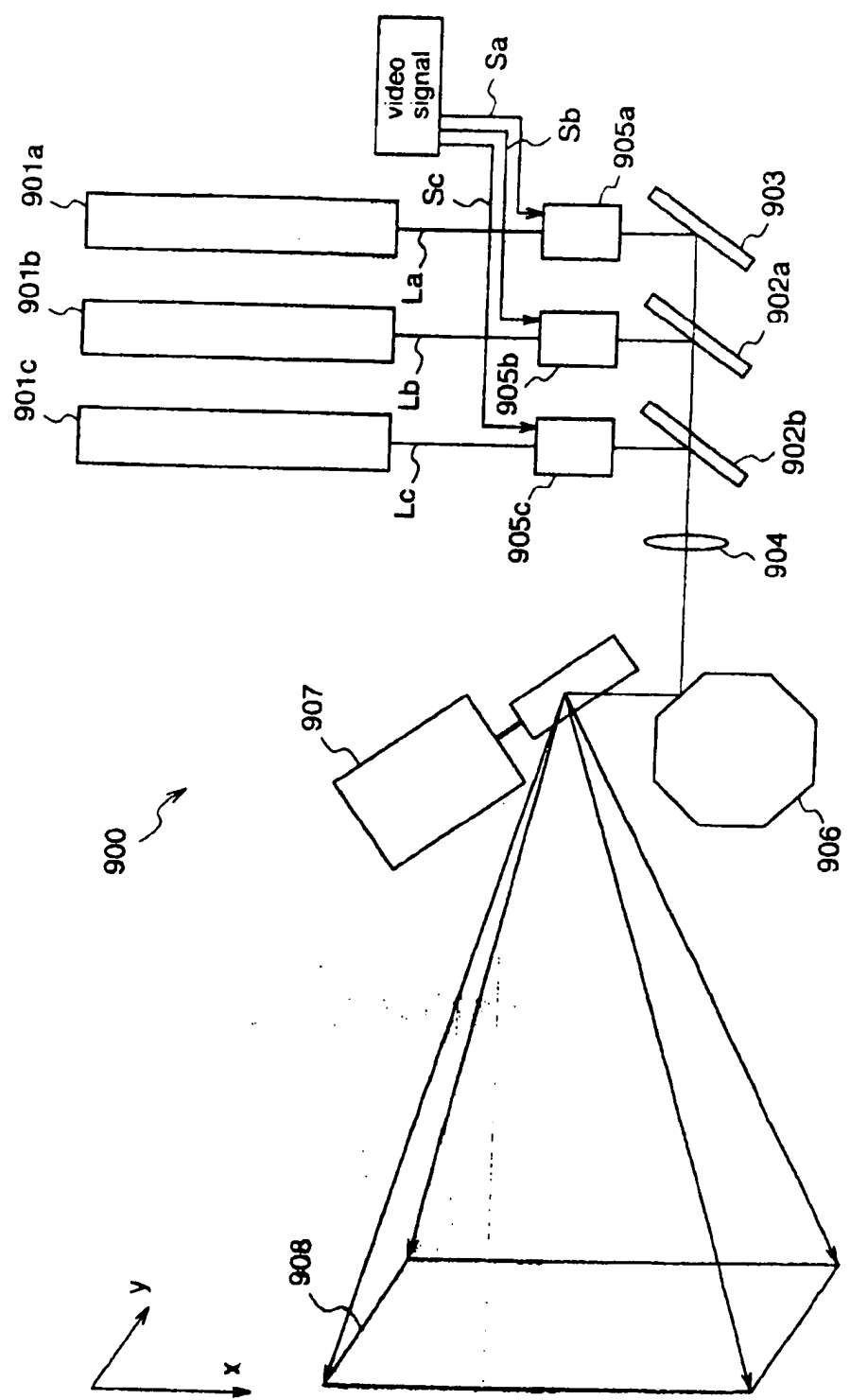
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